

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: William J. Bertrand  
Group Art Unit: 3763  
Examiner: Nicholas D. Lucchesi  
Title: TOOL FOR ADJUSTING AN IMPLANTABLE  
ADJUSTABLE FLUID FLOW CONTROL VALVE  
Attorney Docket: 5074X-000003/COA

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2012, and prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.